

How to Apply

WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines 2012-2013

On March 23, 2012, a Notice announcing revised WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines was published in the Federal Register. The adjusted income eligibility guidelines are used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the WIC Program. WIC State agencies must implement the new guidelines not later than July 1, 2012. WIC State agencies may implement the revised income guidelines at the same time States implement revised income eligibility guidelines for the Medicaid Program. On January 26, 2012, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published its annual update of the poverty guidelines (77 FR 17). The HHS guidelines are used by a number of Federal programs, including WIC and the Medicaid Program, as the basis for determining and updating program income eligibility limits.

To be eligible on the basis of income, applicants' gross income (i.e. before taxes are withheld) must fall at or below 185 percent of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines. The guidelines for WIC are shown below.

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WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013)

48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories					
Persons in Family or Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	\$20,665	\$1,723	\$862	\$795	\$398
2	27,991	2,333	1,167	1,077	539
3	35,317	2,944	1,472	1,359	680
4	42,643	3,554	1,777	1,641	821
5	49,969	4,165	2,083	1,922	961
6	57,295	4,775	2,388	2,204	1,102
7	64,621	5,386	2,693	2,486	1,243
8	71,947	5,996	2,998	2,768	1,384
Each Add'l Member Add	+\$7,326	+611	+306	+282	+141

Alaska					
Persons in Family or Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	\$25,845	\$2,154	\$1,077	\$995	\$498
2	35,002	2,917	1,459	1,347	674
3	44,160	3,680	1,840	1,699	850
4	53,317	4,444	2,222	2,051	1,026
5	62,475	5,207	2,604	2,403	1,202
6	71,632	5,970	2,985	2,756	1,378
7	80,790	6,733	3,367	3,108	1,554
8	89,947	7,496	3,748	3,460	1,730
Each Add'l Member Add	+9,158	+764	+382	+353	+177
Hawaii					
Persons in Family or Household	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	\$23,791	\$1,983	\$992	\$916	\$458
2	32,209	2,685	1,343	1,239	620
3	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	49,044	4,087	2,044	1,887	944
5	57,461	4,789	2,395	2,211	1,106
6	65,879	5,490	2,745	2,534	1,267
7	74,296	6,192	3,096	2,858	1,429
8	82,714	6,893	3,447	3,182	1,591
Each Add'l Member Add	+8,418	+702	+351	+324	+162

While most States use the maximum guidelines, States may set lower income limit standards. A person or certain family members who participate in other benefits programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families automatically meet the income eligibility requirement.

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